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(Case No. 99-569-A)

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In re Application of: Nakayama et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/724,915 )  
Filed: November 28, 2000 )  
For: Chordin-Like Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: D. Romeo

Group Art Unit: 1647

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1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:  
Response to Restriction Requirement, replacement copies of references cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed June 20, 2001 and September 17, 2001, and return postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on December 19, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED NOVEMBER 19, 2002**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed November 19, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute the species of BLASTN in claim 11.

Applicants also submit herewith replacement copies of the references that were cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 20, 2001 and September 17, 2001.

Applicants do not believe any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Romeo believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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